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Well for the use of Harijans at Pulooppi desam

* 943 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether a well to supply drinking water to Harijans has been ordered to be dug at Pulooppi in Kannadiparamba village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar;

(b) if so, (i) the estimated cost of the well; (ii) the date when tenders were called for; (iii) the number of tenders received and the name of the contractor whose tender was accepted; and

(c) at what stage the work stands at present?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) The construction of a well in R.S. No. 59/16 of Puloopi desom in Kannadiparamba amsam of Chirakkal taluk for the use of the public in general was sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.

" (b) (i) Rs. 8,650.

(ii) 29th June 1953.

(iii) Two. The tender of one Sri Kokkunnon Raman Nambiar was accepted.

" (c) The Collector of Malabar reports that the work has already been started and that the well has been dug up to a depth of thirty feet."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" It is said that one tenderer was Sri Kokkunnon Raman Nambiar. Who was the other tenderer? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" Sri K. V. Kannan, Contractor, Public Works Department, Kuthuparamba."

Press Commission

11–50 a.m. * 944 Q.—Sri C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have received a copy of the report of the Press Commission;

(b) whether they were asked for their views; and

(c) if so, the views expressed?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) Part I of the Report of the Press Commission has been received.

" (b) The views of the State Government on certain specific recommendations of the Press Commission were called for. These have been communicated to the Government of India.

" (c) The recommendations of the Commission are now under the active consideration of the Government of India. It will not be appropriate to give out, at this stage, the views of the State Government."